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TAGS: PFOR JO MO CG US
SUBJECT: TALK WITH KING--MOROCCO AND ZAIRE

1. APRIL 16 KING GAVE ME SHORT DEBRIEF ON VISIT
HERE OF MOROCCAN COURT CHIEF AHMAD BIN SOUDA.
WHEN I ASKED ABOUT THE VISIT, KING REPLIED IT WAS
ALL ABOUT ZAIRE.

2. KING HASSAN HAD EXPLAINED IN A LETTER THAT
MOROCCO WAS UNDERTAKING TO SEND FORCES TO
STOP CUBAN AND SOVIET EXPANSION IN AFRICA BASED
ON ANGOLA. HASSAN HAD RECALLED FOR KING THAT
SINCE THE TIME OF IMAM ALI (PROPHET'S SON-IN-LAW) GOOD MOSLEMS
HAD NOT ASKED ABOUT THE ODDS AGAINST THEM BUT HAD FOUGHT
FOR WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS RIGHT. HASSAN HAD EXPLAINED
THAT HE WANTED NOTHING NOW FROM KING HUSSEIN
EXCEPT MORAL SUPPORT--HASSAN WAS COUNTING ON THE
U.S. TO PROVIDE HIM WITH ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES
AND EQUIPMENT.

3. I ASKED THE KING ABOUT HIS ATTITUDE AND HE
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SAID HE HAS NO HESITATION IN GIVING HASSAN MORAL
SUPPORT, BUT HE CLEARLY DECLINED TO COMMIT HIMSELF
FURTHER. LATER MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR, SOMEWHAT BITTERLY,
CONFIRMED THE IMPRESSION, AND SAID KING HAD BASED HIS RELUCTANCE
TOWARD FULL SUPPORT ON U.S. POSTURE OF HANGING BACK. MOROCCAN
ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT LOCAL PRESS TREATMENT (SEPTTEL) OF
MOROCCAN ACTIVITIES.

4. COMMENT: JORDAN HAS ALREADY BEEN ON ONE
MERRY-GO-ROUND WITH KING HASSAN OVER THE LOAN
OF F-5 AIRCRAFT AND THE KING SEEMS A BIT WARY
ABOUT COMMITTING HIMSELF TO SOME SORT OF CENTRAL
AFRICAN CAPER RIGHT NOW.
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